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### **NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES August 26, 2015**

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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday August 26, 2015. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:27 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Present
BRUCE A. SPICER	Excused

Also present were: Susan Carboni Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia Administrative Staff; Michela Ross, Government Rep.

#### **OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law"** **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on September 24, 2014. A schedule of all 2015 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2015 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the website.

**Public Comments:** Kathy Borsuk, President, American Massage Therapist Association (AMTA-NJ). **Ms. Borsuk informed the Board that AMTA- NJ continues to support the legislation on Bills A-3469 and S-1608 regarding the revision of licensing requirements and procedures under the "Massage and Bodywork Therapy Lincensing Act"**

#### **I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

A. July 22, 2015

**Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to approve the July 22, 2015 Public Session Minutes with amendments.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **II. OLD BUSINESS**

1. TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)  
Regulatory Analyst, Charles Manning was present

The Board discussed adding the TOEFL as a prerequisite for licensure. Regulatory analyst Charles Manning informed the Board that this would require a statutory change.

2. NORTH CAROLINA DENTAL BOARD/SUPREME COURT DECISION

Regulatory Analyst Charles Manning shared with the Board the US Supreme Court Ruling regarding the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners.

## **III. FINALIZATION OF ORDER**

1. Gregory T. Burns; Applicant ID# 1857453  
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed June 25, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni informed the Board that service was made on the above Provisional Order of Denial.

**Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **IV. TRANSCRIPTS REVIEW (Initial Applications)**

**The Board discussed the requirements for licensure by education , specifically transcripts, to insure that applicants for initial licensure to practice massage therapy in New Jersey, and who received their education in another state are in compliance with the Board's current regulations.**

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

1. National Certification for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB). The Board review a record of all States School Compliance Report; Denials, Suspensions and Revocations.

**The Board determined to inquire with NCBTMB as to why national certification was revoked for those applicants and licensees in the State of New Jersey.**

2. Joseph M. DeBlasio; License No. 18KT00544500  
RE: Continuing Education  
The Board reviewed a letter submitted by licensee DeBlasio requesting the acceptability of certain courses as part of the continuing education requirements.

**The Board determined to refer Mr. DeBlasio to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-4.2(a)viii; Continuing Education Programs.**

## **VI. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL**

1. Alexandra Evans; License No. 18KT00636500  
Provisional Order of Discipline filed July 23, 2015
2. Frederick W. Callis; License No. 18KT00049400  
Provisional Order of Discipline filed July 23, 2015
3. Maehwa Cho; Applicant ID# 1826979  
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed July 23, 2015
4. Jessica Spell; Applicant ID# 1839684  
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed July 23, 2014
5. Lianji Jin; Applicant ID# 1792605  
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed July 23, 2015
6. Shanzi Jiang; Applicant ID# 1792605  
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed July 23, 2015
7. Hong Zi Quan; Applicant ID# 1741144  
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed July 23, 2015

**The Board considered the above (7) seven orders as informational material.**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 11:09 A.M., upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 P.M.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director